

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated May 13, 2008 with a Three (3) month extension. Claims 1-12 were pending in the application and the Examiner states that the claims are subject to an election requirement. Applicants withdraw claims 6-12 without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications. No new matter is added in this Reply. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

The Examiner asserts an Election Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 requiring election of the application as follows:

Species I, drawn to Figs. 1-3

Species II, drawn to Fig. 4

Species III, drawn to Fig. 5

Species IV, drawn to Fig. 6

Species V, drawn to Fig. 7

Species VI, drawn to Fig. 8A and 8B

Applicants hereby elect Species I directed to Figures 1-3. Applicants assert that claims 1-5 are considered readable on Species 1, and claims 1 and 3 are generic.

Applicants select Species I in order to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Election Requirement as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing election is made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of withdrawn claims 6-12.

The foregoing amendments conforms this application to the Examiner's Election Requirement dated May 13, 2008. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance,

Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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